

## **MINUTES**

Bedford Youth and Family Services Advisory Committee  
May 14, 2015

**Members Present:** Tom Pinney, Chair, at large; Sue Baldauf, Director; Caroline Donnelly, Board of Health; Caroline Fedele, Selectmen; Scott Jones, Police; Ali Malkin, at-large; Ann Guay, School Committee

**Guest:** Marcia Morgan, who introduced herself and her interest in volunteering for YFS Committee.

**Introductions:** Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with introductions.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2015 were accepted as presented (all in favor, no objections).

### **Old Business**

Sue reports BYFS is working on revisions to the Hoarding grant with an extension date in September. They are also working on a MA Housing grant to be approved and looking to offer Mental Health/ First Aid training by December.

Veteran's Services have remained stable; the Selectman recently approved signage at Memorial Park with fund raising starting Memorial Day and hopes of installation prior to Veterans Day.

There are 22-25 homeless families living at the Bedford Plaza. \$450 was donated for MBTA Charlie Cards to meet transportation needs. Another \$650 was donated from Temple Isaiah for food.

Considering Youth Risk Behavior Survey data infographic aimed at educating children and families of the importance of breakfast for kids. Recent data surveys of Bedford kids show a significant number of students forgoing breakfast.

### **New Business**

Sue reports that the YFS. FY16 budget passed since the last meeting and offered thanks for all the support.

Working with Healthy Bedford to identify local transportation needs.

Chairman Tom Pinney was unanimously elected as chairperson for another year (no objections)

### **Updates from Committee Participants:**

**Selectman:** Caroline Fedele reports the town has hired a new COA director named Alison Cservenschi. Ms. Cservenschi has a lot of experience and is eager to attract younger seniors to the COA.

The Bike Path extension project has been approved by the board. The shared use path will allow for a safe connection from Depot Park to an extension on Railroad Ave and on into the town of Concord. The project will be funded by the MA DOT and has been approved by Safe Routes to School. The next stage is the design phase.

**Health:** Caroline reports that the board conducted hearings over the winter to mitigate landlord/tenant disputes over ice damns and property damage due to the severe weather.

A tick analysis was conducted by UMass and found 33% Lyme positive.

BOH had a visit from Ann Kiessling, Director of the Bedford Stem Cell Research Foundation and who explained the extent of their sperm cell testing for HIV in a permitting discussion.

Asiana Bistro restaurant had poor inspections and is in mediation to correct various violations.

Schools: Ann Guay reports that the school budget passed which supports a special education program and includes a classroom for students with severe autism at Davis school.

There has been a change to the policy of sending extraneous and extracurricular school flyers home with kids. Only school related information subject to the approval of the school superintendent's office will be sent home with kids.

The school nurses made an impressive presentation to the School Committee demonstrating the roles the nurses have in serving the varied and complex medical needs of the student population in Bedford. The number of school nurse visits by Bedford students in a typical school year could fill Fenway Park.

Dr. Henry Turner reported on all the various colleges that Bedford graduates will be attending next year.

Ask this Old House has adopted the Lane Elementary school and 6-7 students to participate in developing a great arbor garden. Production shooting will start sometime later in the spring.

Police: Scott Jones reports the Police Department is working with Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ) and Bedford schools to discuss ways C4RJ may be useful to meditate some bullying offenses and other minor offenses occurring in school.

Police investigated Bamboo Restaurant for liquor law violation last month.

Sgt. Wardwell and Officer Dineen brought a basketball hoop and two bicycles for recreational use by the Bedford Plaza families. They have also partnered with Mead Bros. Tree service to clean up the parking lot so the Plaza families can utilize that area.

BYFS: Working on a Parent Education series related to internet safety for fall back to school nights. In discussion with town of Concord to bring out Kevin Hill, author of a book on Marijuana and social issues related to its use and public policy considerations for its legalization.

There is a Walk to Fight Teen Suicide on October 4<sup>th</sup> in Concord

An unplugged date for November 2015 is still uncertain; waiting on School Committee and Superintendent for viable unplugged dates.

Next Meeting – September 10th , 2015 Ali Malkin, Clerk

**Adjournment** 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Jones, Acting Clerk